

Bipartisan initiative encourages continued cost-saving environmental sustainability and energy security practices

WASHINGTON—Today, Congressman Mike Quigley (D-IL) announced the introduction of a resolution—H. Res 1106—recognizing the United States Army for its increased conservation efforts and commitment to alternative and renewable energy sources. The bi-partisan resolution encourages the army to continue pursuing these cost-reducing and environmentally conscious efforts.

“When the Army takes these vital and beneficial steps like reducing water consumption and using energy more efficiently, we must take notice and give credit where it’s due,” said Congressman Quigley.

“The military has a strong track record for innovation—both our Interstate highway system and the Internet were initially their undertaking—so I believe this vote of confidence from Congress is important to help them continue their work saving both our soldiers’ lives and our planet.”

Enhanced energy security in remote war theaters reduces the number of convoys that must travel to these dangerous locations, placing fewer lives in harm’s way. In addition, twenty-eight major U.S. Army installations have completed sustainability planning and 40 renewable electricity generation programs provide bases with non-fossil fuel. Between 1985 and 2005, the Army improved its energy efficiency by 30 percent, saving approximately \$3.4 billion in projected cost increases.

H. Res 1106 was introduced with ten original Democratic and Republican co-sponsors and is now referred to House Committee on Armed Services.

A lifelong advocate of green initiatives and conservation, Quigley often states that protecting the environment is why he “first got involved in politics.” Since his election to Congress, Quigley has voted for legislation to limit greenhouse gases and create green jobs (ACES), and supported a bill to increase fuel economy standards. He also voted for the popular “Cash for Clunkers” program to encourage Americans to purchase more environmentally friendly and fuel efficient cars.